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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/60/926)*]

60/279. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1270 (1999) of 22 October 1999, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1610 (2005) of 30 June 2005, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of six months until 31 December 2005,

Recalling its resolution 53/29 of 20 November 1998 on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, the latest of which was resolution 59/14 B of 22 June 2005,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone as at 30 April 2006, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 42.6 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only eighty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and

[1] A/60/631.
[2] A/60/786.

urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Welcomes* the great efforts of the Mission and its personnel in the successful completion of the mandate of the Mission;

4. *Also welcomes* the structured, carefully planned and executed drawdown that allowed the established benchmarks to be achieved as scheduled;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the lessons learned from the Mission, including its drawdown stages, are applied, as best practices, in other missions as appropriate, and to report thereon in the context of the final performance report;

6. *Notes with concern* the cases of fraud and presumptive fraud identified by the Mission, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on the matters, including investigations undertaken in this regard and actions taken regarding proven cases, in accordance with established procedures, as well as efforts to recover any lost funds;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;[1]

9. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited with their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 99,287,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

10. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 99,287,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 9 above;

11. *Decides further* that, the decrease of 1,339,800 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 99,287,600 dollars referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10 above;

12. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits for the closed peacekeeping mission accounts to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone".

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